

You are cordially invited to attend the 2009 Volunteer Lake Assessment Program Workshop!

When: Saturday, May 16, 2009
Time: 7:30 am (registration), 8:00 am - 12:00 pm (program)

(Refreshments will be provided)

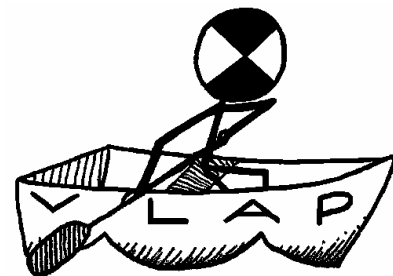
Where: New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services
29 Hazen Drive, Concord, New Hampshire
(Directions are provided on the back of this flyer)

Register: Please Register by Friday, May 8, 2009

Registration fee \$5.00. Registration form located at

www.des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/wmb/vlap/index.htm, or contact the VLAP

Coordinator at (603) 271-2658 or via email at sara.steiner@des.nh.gov



ON THIS YEAR'S AGENDA:

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Presenter: Jody Connor, DES Limnology Center Director

Lake management, legislative, and VLAP program updates will be discussed. In addition, the recipient of the 2009 Volunteer Limnologist Award will be announced!

CYANOBACTERIA BLOOMS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE: AN ENVIRONMENTAL TRIGGER FOR ALS?

Presenters: Tracie Caller, MD, Resident Physician in Neurology and Preventative Medicine, Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center and James Doolin, Undergraduate Researcher

Learn about the cyanobacterial toxin BMAA, current research linking BMAA to neurodegenerative diseases, and current research endeavors at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center in partnership with NHDES, UNH, and VLAP.

AQUATIC PLANT IDENTIFICATION WORKSHOP

Presenter: Amy Smagula, DES Exotic Species Program Coordinator

Back by overwhelming demand! Amy will teach you how to identify native and exotic aquatic plant species and how to conduct a "Weed Watchers" survey. If possible, bring some plants from your lake or pond!

LAKE ECOLOGY AND SAMPLING REFRESHER

Presenter: Sara Sumner, DES VLAP Coordinator

This session is recommended for all new volunteer monitors and those who would like a refresher. General lake ecology principles, basic sampling techniques, and advanced sampling techniques will be discussed. A slideshow highlighting New Hampshire's beautiful lakes and dedicated volunteer monitors will accompany the presentation.

VOLUNTEERING FOR THE LOON PRESERVATION SOCIETY

Presenter: Jill Rolph, Loon Preservation Committee (LPC), Loon Education Director

Learn about Common Loons and how you can help scientists protect this NH threatened bird species. The Loon Preservation Committee (LPC) is offering training workshops for citizens who want to help loons. As part of our new education programming, LPC is training Volunteer Educators to help continue to protect this threatened species. This training workshop will teach you skills to become a Volunteer Loon Educator on your lake or pond.

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DIRECTIONS TO DES (29 HAZEN DRIVE, CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE):

From the South and West: Take I-93 north to Exit 14. Turn right off of the exit ramp. Go through two sets of lights. At the third set of lights (at top of hill), turn left onto Hazen Drive. Turn left at sign for Health & Human Services.

From the North: Take I-93 south to Exit 15E onto I-393. Take Exit 2 and turn left at end of exit ramp (East Side Drive). Stay to the right and turn right at light onto Hazen Drive. Turn right at sign for Health & Human Services.

From the East: Take Route 4 west to Concord. Bear right onto I-393 in Concord. Take Exit 2 and turn left at end of exit ramp. Stay to the right and turn right at second light onto Hazen Drive. Turn right at sign for Health & Human Services.

Parking and Entering the Building: Visitor parking is available in front of the building between the Health and Human Services and the Dept. of Safety. You will need to enter the building at the main entrance (where the flag poles are).

